A Final Extension of Our CNCS Grant!
We’re thankful that the Corporation for National and Community Service has given Border Community SERVICE a 3 month extension until June 30, 2007 at which time grant funds will be depleted. Our goal will be to create and enhance partnerships that sustain emergency preparedness education programs in Erie and Niagara Counties.

Central Niagara County CERT Team Meeting on Saturday, April 21st

All CERT trained individuals who live in the towns of Cambria, Sanborn, Wilson, Ransomville, and Lockport are invited to participate in an organizational meeting of a “Central Niagara County CERT” Team on Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM at the Town of Cambria Volunteer Fire Department hall located at 4631 Cambria-Wilson Road. The meeting will be hosted by Dr. David Taylor and Howard Morgan.

CERT-trained individuals have the power to be a very important asset to their community. Individuals who work together in a planned, organized way become a CERT Team and “TEAM” means “Together Everyone Achieves More.”

The purpose of the meeting on April 21st is to prepare the team to work together to help the community when needed. To function effectively, members must work out methods of notification, determine area rally points, plan continuing education to increase knowledge and maintain skills, and choose respected, effective team leaders. These will be the topics of discussion.

Sign-in on Saturday, April 21 will begin at 9:00 AM with a meet and greet session, including refreshments, until 9:30 AM.

Please contact the Border Community SERVICE office at 205-0070 by Wednesday, April 19 to RSVP to attend this important CERT Team building meeting.

Patty Parete Fundraiser a Success!
Many, many thanks to our wonderful Border Community SERVICE volunteers for their generous support of the fundraiser to benefit Buffalo Police Officer Patricia Parete. Eighty BCS volunteers wearing red T-shirts sent the message clearly and powerfully that we respect and appreciate the men and women who protect and serve us all as first responders. The fundraiser was a huge success. Our very best wishes to Officer Parete.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Beautify Niagara: Clean Up, Paint Up, Rake Up!

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Join the Niagara Beautification Committee in their campaign for a beautiful Niagara! The Annual Beautify Niagara clean-up will be on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Volunteers are needed to help clean up various areas and neighborhoods in Niagara Falls. The Kick-off Ceremony will begin at 8:00 AM at the Seneca Niagara Casino. The Casino will provide a complimentary breakfast and a sweatshirt. The closing rally and cook out begins at NOON at Hyde Park. Cleaning supplies and work gloves will be provided at no cost to all participants. Please contact the Border Community SERVICE office if you wish to join the BCS clean-up team and remember to wear your red BCS or white CERT T-shirt.

Memorial Day Parade

Saturday, May 26, 2007

The Niagara Falls Veterans Coalition has invited CERT-trained individuals who reside in communities served by Greater Niagara Falls CERT (City of Niagara Falls and Towns of Niagara, Lewiston and Youngstown) to participate in the 2007 Memorial Day Parade in Niagara Falls, New York on Saturday, May 26, 2007. Line up for the parade will be at 10:00 AM at Pine Avenue and 19th Street. The parade will start at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP to the BCS office by Friday, April 13th if you’re interested in participating in this parade as a member of Greater Niagara Falls CERT and/or if you are interested in representing Greater Niagara Falls CERT at parade planning meetings. Depending on your response, a decision about participating in the parade as a unit will be made at that time.

Thunder of Niagara Training Exercise

Saturday, June 9, 2007

On Saturday, June 9, 2007, the Air Refueling Wing Niagara Falls ARS, NY will conduct an emergency training exercise and drill in preparation for the “Thunder of Niagara” Air Show in August. To ensure a quality training experience, a very large group of volunteer “spectators” are needed from 9 AM to Noon on June 9. Please consider volunteering with your family and friends on June 9th for this opportunity to have fun and learn about emergency preparedness. Volunteers will be “actors” as the emergency unfolds and “chaos” follows. To allow volunteers to gain access to the Air Force Base, we’ve been asked to provide a roster of volunteers. If you’d like to participate in the drill, please contract the BCS office as soon as possible, but not later than April 11th with your name, date of birth and driver’s license ID number. Children are welcome, in fact encouraged, to participate in this exciting drill. If you plan to bring children, please provide their names and dates of birth as well.

Please call (205-0070) or email the Border Community SERVICE office with any and all volunteer hours. Remember, any trainings you participate in count towards your volunteer commitment! The hours are necessary for our funding agency reports and your help is greatly appreciated!